MR. E. SUBRAMONIA AIYAR: I move that the following gentlemen be nominated as members of the Joint Committee from this Assembly :

Messrs.

T. K. Velu Pillai,
K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai,
M. R. Narayana Pillai,
K. P. Abraham,
G. Velu Pillai,
P. S. Muhammed, and myself

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: I second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE KAMMALA (VISWAKARMA) BILL.

MR. N. VELU ACHARY (*Nominated*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion :

That this Assembly do select an equal number of persons to the Joint Committee on the Travancora Kammala (Viswakarma) Bill.

MR. C. M. JOSEPH (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): I second the motion.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: On a point of order, Sir. This bill was passed by this House a long time ago and it might have been passed by the other House or might be there at present. The other House is seised of the matter and this House has no knowledge as to the fate of the Bill. There is no message from the other House asking this House to elect an equal number of members for the Joint Committee.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I submit for a ruling, Sir, whether a message is necessary in the circumstances of this Bill. It was committed to a Joint Committee under Section 21 of the Act. There is no motion from the other House but the other House has failed to pass the Bill. In such a case, a message is not provided for either in the Rules or Standing Orders.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: I should like to know whether the appointment of a Joint Committee is within the power of this House at this stage when the other House is seised of the matter. It is possible only when the other House has disposed of it or failed to dispose of it and asked for a Joint Committee.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: The bill has been referred to a Joint Committee by the Dewan under Section 21 of the Act.

PRESIDENT: That is so. Mr. Velu Achary will proceed.

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MR. N. VELU ACHARY: I move that the Assembly do select an equal number of persons to the Joint Committee on the Travancore Kammala (Viswakarma) Bill, namely, the following members:

Messrs.
E. Subramonia Iyer,
T. K. Velu Pillai,
S. Govinda Pillai,
N. Ramakrishna Pillai,
P. Kunjukrishnan,
K. P. Kochukora Tharakan,
M. Bhaskaran Nair,
Varkala K. Madhavan,
C. M. Joseph,
N. R. Krishnan,
D. C. Joseph,
G. Velu Pillai,
V. K. Kumaran Vaidyan,
N. Velu Achary and
Sry. Narayani Amma.

MR. C. M. JOSEPH: I second it.

MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Mr. G. Nilakantan may also be included.

PRESIDENT: He is not a member of this House. He is a co-opted member of the other House and he comes into the Joint Committee from there.

The motion was carried.

THE TRAVANCORE SPECIAL MARRIAGE AND SUCCESSION BILL

PRESIDENT: Before dealing with the next matter, it may be useful to point out exactly what has happened in the case of the Special Marriage and Succession Bill till now. On the 20th April 1936 leave was granted to introduce the Bill in the Assembly, the mover being Mr. Kottoor Knnjukrishna Pillai. The Bill lapsed on the dissolution of the first Assembly. On the 13th February 1939, the second Assembly allowed Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai to take charge of the Bill. On the 2nd April 1941, the Select Committee was appointed and on the 5th August 1941 the Assembly passed the Bill. On the 16th August 1941 the bill was taken up for consideration by the Council. On the 9th December 1941 the Concil countinued the consideration of the Bill. On the 8th August 1942 the Council passed the Bill. On the 26th January 1943 the Dewan returned the Bill to the Assembly under Section 22 of the Act for reconsideration. Mr. Legal Rememberancer.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, on the return of the bill for the consideration of this House, I submit that it is open to the House to consider the whole bill. The Dewan President made a statement to the House and it was pointedly made clear that the Government wanted a full expression of opinion in so far as it would be possible to reconcile the interest of minorities and others. Therefore I submit that the whole Bill may be taken into consideration.

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